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**Subject: Project Report for Pathogens in Tomales Bay Watershed
Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) and Implementation Plan**

Dear Interested Party:

We are pleased to announce the official release of the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) project report for pathogens in Tomales Bay Watershed. The report is an important milestone in our effort to eliminate pathogen-related pollution from Tomales Bay Watershed.

Submitting Comments

We welcome your comments and feedback regarding this report. The report can be downloaded from our web site at <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb2/tomalesbaypathogenstmdl.htm> (PDF file). A limited number of hard copies are available upon request. Please submit written comments by **Monday, April 12**, to Farhad Ghodrati by mail or e-mail at fg@rb2.swrcb.ca.gov. We will carefully consider all comments as we proceed with this process.

Next Steps

Based on the comments we receive, we will draft a Basin Plan Amendment to incorporate the proposed TMDL and implementation plan into the Basin Plan. We will then submit the proposed amendment and a supporting staff report for scientific peer review. Peer review will be followed by public review, including a formal 45-day public comment period. We will respond to all substantive comments.

The TMDL will be formally established after is approved by the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, the State Water Resources Control Board, the California Office of Administrative Law, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The first step of the adoption process will take place in Fall 2004 when we present the draft Basin Plan Amendment to the Water Board for consideration and adoption.

Public Meeting

As we announced on February 12, we will be holding a stakeholder workshop, which will also serve as the CEQA scoping meeting for this project. It will be on **Tuesday, March 16, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Red Barn Classroom at Point Reyes National Seashore, located at 1 Bear Valley Road, Point Reyes**. At the workshop, we will present an overview of the report and also provide an opportunity to ask questions at the meeting and hope to have a productive discussion of the major themes presented in the report.

Completing this project and eliminating pathogen-related pollution in Tomales Bay Watershed is one of the Water Board's highest priorities. We appreciate your interest in this important matter.

Sincerely,



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